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**LINDA DAVIDSON NAMED OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
OF NLRB'S PORTLAND, OR SUBREGIONAL OFFICE**

Ronald Meisburg, General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, today announced the appointment of Linda L. Davidson as Officer-In-Charge in the agency's Portland, OR Subregional Office (SR-36).

Ms. Davidson began her NLRB career in 1979 in the Portland Office as a clerk typist. She worked a variety of support staff positions before successfully completing the Agency's upward mobility training program and being promoted to a Field Examiner position in the Portland Office in 1990. In her new position, Ms. Davidson will direct the processing of unfair labor practice and representation cases in the State of Oregon and southwest Washington under the supervision of Richard L. Ahearn, Regional Director of the Seattle, WA Regional Office (Region 19). She succeeds Cathleen Callahan who retired in 2006.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act, the nation's primary labor law. It has two main functions: (1) to conduct secret-ballot elections in which employees vote on whether they want to be represented by a union for purposes of collective bargaining with their employer about wages, hours, and working conditions; and (2) to investigate, prosecute, and remedy unfair labor practices by private sector employers and unions.

In announcing the appointment, General Counsel Meisburg stated:

Throughout her career Linda Davidson has demonstrated extraordinary skill and commitment to fulfilling the Agency's mission. Her investigative abilities, follow through, and understanding of relevant legal principles and processes have consistently yielded exceptional performance. She will be a superb leader of the Portland Subregional Office.

Ms. Davidson is a native of Portland, OR.
